

**Mission:**

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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**Vision:** To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

## Franklin and Gulf Community Health Update

The health department would like to highlight 3 messages to the public on 4/26/22:

**1. If you live, work, or spend time in Franklin or Gulf, we need your help!**

To help create healthier neighborhoods and communities, we really need your input on what matters most. Please complete the survey below that takes only 5 minutes! Answers are anonymous and the results help partners make better community health improvements.

[https://ascendanthealth.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_b8GQVCQ0hHsYYei](https://ascendanthealth.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b8GQVCQ0hHsYYei)

**2. COVID-19 testing is still available to those in need.**

Nomi Health is no longer operating testing sites in Franklin and Gulf, so the health department wants to make sure residents know their options for symptomatic or travel requirements:

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order free at-home COVID-19 tests. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. To order your tests, visit <https://www.covid.gov/tests> so you have them when you need them. Or you can call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

For other testing options, COVID-19 testing remains available through healthcare providers, some pharmacies like the Port St. Joe CVS or by calling the health department for an appointment (Franklin: 850-653-2111, Gulf: 850-227-1276). If you do not have symptoms, COVID-19 testing is unlikely to have any clinical benefits.

And yes, vaccines are still available to those in need.

**3. We hope you have a safe and healthy week in beautiful Franklin and Gulf Counties.**